

### ... Signs

(Continued from Page A-1) tures. However, they postponed final action on such aspects as pole signs, roof signs, banners, and political signs until Monday, Sept. 16.

The legislators voted 6-0 to limit wall signs to 30 per cent of wall space for all commercial or manufacturing establishments. All over signs must be included within the 30 per cent limit. Councilman Donald E. Wilson was not present.

IN VOTING the 30 per cent limit, councilmen concurred with the recommendation of the City Council Sign Committee, which made a study of the sign situation last spring.

Councilmen also concurred with the committee report concerning apartment house, duplex, and private residential signs. The area of a sign on an apartment house wall, the council voted, must not exceed 10 per cent of the wall area, with a maximum of 40 square feet. Signs must be limited to identification and may not list rates.

Single-family residences and duplexes will be limited to signs no bigger than one square foot, but three such signs will be permitted for each occupancy. This section of the ordinance is aimed at signs bearing such inscriptions as "room for rent, for sale, and others."

NO FINAL action was taken regarding pole signs, but suggestions were heard. The council is considering one proposal which would allow a pole sign to be as high as the distance be-

tween the center of the street and the base of the pole. A 50-foot maximum was discussed.

Councilmen also considered the possibility of allowing no more than one pole sign for every 200 feet of frontage. This measure would be aimed at small shopping centers, with many business housed in one continuous building. It would force them to share a community pole sign.

### Youth Hurt As 'Cycle Tips Over

A motorcycle skidded out of control at the corner of Calle Miramar and Via Riviera Saturday evening, sending its driver to the pavement with multiple injuries.

Gerald K. Bemis, 20, of 22928 Evalyn Ave., was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of abrasions and injured left wrist and ribs.

Bemis told Torrance police he had been motoring too fast to negotiate the curve and the vehicle skidded out from under him.

### Contract Awarded

A \$247,913 contract for the resurfacing of a section of Artesia Boulevard has been awarded by the State Division of Highways.

The work will be done on a .8-mile section between Sepulveda Boulevard and Pier Avenue.

### Stick Up Reported At Motel

The owner of the El Rancho Motel, 3215 Pacific Coast Hwy., was held up early Tuesday morning to the tune of \$300.

Owner-operator George Egge, 57, told police three men awakened him at 4 a.m. and asked about accommodations. One of the men pulled a blue steel revolver and ordered Egge to hand over all the bills from the safe and change drawer.

After scooping up the cash, the three bound Egge's wrists, ankles, and mouth with surgical tape, police said. The victim quickly freed himself and summoned authorities.

### Oil Field Clean-Up Under Way

Action is being taken to improve the blighted South Torrance Oil Fields.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier told councilmen Tuesday night that he and his committee toured the oil fields and made notes on all violations of city ordinances. He said he will send notices to owners and bring criminal prosecution if they fail to comply.

Later this month, the City Council will consider a stronger ordinance to improve oil field maintenance.

### ...Park

(Continued from page A-1) City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said he wasn't sure whether the contract would be binding if councilmen later changed their minds about the park.

COUNCILMAN Ross Sciarrotta broached the subject of Columbia Park with a statement alleging that a 52-acre park would cost only \$11,000 more than a 34-acre park which had been considered by the council earlier.

The city has been given or leased 27 acres of land for the park. The cost of purchasing 7 more acres to link the two acquired parcels, forming a 34-acre park, would be \$375,000, Sciarrotta estimates.

On the other hand, if the city buys the remaining 25 acres and accepts \$622,500 in federal funds and \$236,483 in state funds, the remaining cost to the city would be only \$386,017. This is only \$11,000 more than for the 34-acre site.

SCIARROTTA'S statement was attacked by Johnson, who said that the cost of the park land would probably be higher than the estimates.

Councilman Uerkwitz added that the \$11,000 figure was misleading because Sciarrotta had failed to mention the cost of developing the park. Uerkwitz estimated that development might cost as much as \$7 million.

Sciarrotta said it was hard for him to vote for federal aid because it was objectionable to him, but he would "put aside my philosophy" for the good of the community.

## City Should Join SCAG, Freshman Councilman Says

Councilman Donald E. Wilson spoke out this week in support of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and will work to make Torrance a member of the group.

Dr. Wilson's endorsement of SCAG was accomplished by statements to the effect that membership in the group of Southern California city officials will not in any way encroach upon this city's right to govern itself.

SCAG was formed as a voluntary joint powers association of county and city governments. Dr. Wilson said. Its purposes is to provide these governments with a forum for the coordination of the myriad of plans and programs being undertaken in the Southern California area.

THOSE WHO object to the city of Torrance joining SCAG, Wilson said, are under the false impression that SCAG may usurp local powers or blossom into a regional government. The councilman pointed

out that SCAG was actually created to prevent the development of metropolitan government.

Wilson said that SCAG prevents federal intervention by attending to regional problems such as air pollution, transportation, and waste disposal. Without regional solutions to these problems, Dr. Wilson stated, the federal government would step in and enforce its own solution.

AS AN ADDED safety factor, Dr. Wilson continued, the City of Torrance may drop out of the association at any time for any reason, giving 30-days notice.

Dr. Wilson explained that Torrance must join SCAG in order to qualify for federal funds to complete land purchases for the proposed Columbia Park. The City Council recently voted to apply for these funds in order to create the 52-acre regional park.

THE FEDERAL government would require Tor-

rance to join SCAG because all federal loans must be reviewed and processed by a regional planning entity. SCAG has been chosen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation as the reviewing agency for this region, Wilson said.

As a sidelight, Dr. Wilson added that Torrance and Glendale are the only cities in this county with a population of more than 100,000 which are not members of SCAG. With one or two exceptions, he added, all South Bay area cities are members of the organization.

Robert Dominguez, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Dominguez of 1245 E. 222nd St., was promoted July 12 to Army specialist four while assigned to the 104th Engineer Company near Long Binh, Vietnam.

Specialist Dominguez, a truck driver with the company, entered the Army in August, 1967.

### Obituaries

#### Carl H. Sand

A rosary was recited yesterday followed by the celebration of a requiem mass at St. Philomena Catholic Church this morning for Carl Hugh Sand, 58, who died Sunday.

The former surveyor for Guy F. Atkinson Construction Co. lived at 1502 E. Carson St. He is survived by his widow, Helen; two daughters, Donna Rae Tomson of Omaha, Neb., and Jean Whitney of Tacoma, Wash.; a brother; and two sisters.

Interment was in Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier.

#### Mary Barteckho

Funeral services were held today at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel for Mary Ellen Barteckho, 70, who died Saturday after living in the area all her life.

Formerly of San Pedro, she is survived by a son, Lawrence Van Barteckho of Encinitas; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Mason of Torrance; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

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